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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Lt. Governor Peter Kinder names Catherine Miles of Marshall as Senior Service Award Winner**

*Award recognizes volunteer work by Missouri Seniors*

**JEFFERSON CITY** – Missouri Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today announced 35 winners of the Lieutenant Governor’s Senior Service Award, including Catherine Miles of Marshall.

Lt. Governor Kinder presented the awards today (May 8) at a luncheon for the winners and their guests outside his office in the Capitol. Miles was nominated by Marilyn Rimmer of the Higginsville Foster Grandparent Program.

For more than three decades, Miles has volunteered as a Foster Grandparent to individuals at the Marshall Habilitation Center. Even at 102 years of age, she continues to dedicate her time and devotion to special needs individuals at the center.

“She displays extreme patience and love for those with severe physical, mental and emotional disabilities,” said Rimmer in her nomination. “Catherine believes that knowing how much she means to the children is a great reward.” When asked about the Foster Grandparent Program, Miles said, “You can’t imagine until you’ve been around these kids and see what it does for them. They don’t forget you.”

Lt. Governor Kinder presented Miles with an official declaration and a Senior Service Award lapel pin at a ceremony in the Capitol.

“For 33 years, Catherine Miles has set an example for all Missourians with her kindness and willingness to serve special needs individuals at the Marshall Habilitation Center,” Kinder said. “Her selfless service is an inspiration to all who know her.”

Kinder this year received more than 150 nominations for the Senior Service Award, naming 34 winners representing the state’s 34 Senatorial Districts and one at-large winner. Miles won a special “at large” award for her many years of dedicated service in Marshall.

